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North Little Rock Signs Sister City Agreement with Uruapan

(North Little Rock, AR – September 28, 2005) - Mayor Patrick Henry Hays announced that the City of North Little Rock was joining with the City of Uruapan, Mexico, to participate in a Sister City program. The agreement between the two cities will be signed at North Little Rock's City Hall on Friday, September 30 at 9:45 a.m.

North Little Rock will be the first city in Arkansas to have a Sister City relationship with a Mexican municipality. The delegation from Uruapan, including Mayor Marco Antonio Lagunas-Vazquez and Vice Mayor Juan Carlos Robles-Monroy, will arrive on Thursday, September 29, to attend the signing ceremony and to tour several industrial facilities and tourism attractions in North Little Rock and Central Arkansas. In addition, Consul General Carlos Garcia de Alba will be present to participate in the agreement's signing.

Mayor Hays stated, "This is yet another exciting opportunity to create and strengthen our city's international relationships with a foreign city. North Little Rock already participates in the Sister City program through a partnership with Uiwang, Korea.

This new partnership will permit us to work with Mexico at the municipal level to

stimulate economic development, tourism growth, and other programs of mutual benefit."

All media and other interested individuals are invited to join Mayor Hays for the signing of this important agreement on Friday, September 30 at 9:45 a.m. in North Little Rock's City Hall.

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